

An ABSTRACT of the
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OF
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To be used on *Friday* the 6th
of *February*, 1756.

Being the Day appointed by Proclamation

F O R A
G E N E R A L F A S T,
And H U M I L I A T I O N,

For imploring the Blessing of G O D upon our *Fleets*
and *Armies*, and for the humbling Ourselves before
Him in a deep Sense of his late Visitation, by most
dreadful Earthquakes, felt so fatally abroad, and
in some Degree by Ourselves; to ask Pardon for
our crying Sins, and averting His Judgements;
and for his Mercy in Supporting the Protestant
Religion, and Prosperity of our Country, &c.

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The Order for Morning Prayer.

Which Service is to be the same in all Things as used on Holy-days, except as hereafter.

These Sentences of Scripture.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his Laws which he set before us.

Correct us, O Lord, but with judgment; not in thine Anger, lest thou bring us to nothing.

The Exhortation, Dearly beloved, &c.

¶ Instead of the *Venite*, this Hymn.

 Come let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Father.

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Let us serve the Lord in fear: and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord: Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the Heavens.

Let us repent and be converted, that our sins may be blotted out: when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Our Fathers hoped in thee, O Lord: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were helped: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the glory of thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins for thy Name's sake.

Shew some token upon us for good, that they who hate us may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast helped us, and comforted us.

Thou

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Thou shalt grant the King a long Life :
he shall dwell before God for ever.

O prepare thy loving Mercy and Faithfulness : that they may preserve him.

Help us now, O Lord : O Lord send us now Prosperity.

The Lord shall give strength unto his People ; the Lord shall give his People the Blessing of Peace.

And all Men that see it, shall say, This hath God done : for they shall perceive that it is his Work.

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him : and all they that are true of Heart shall be glad.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

¶ PSALMS, xlvi, xviii.

1 Lesson, *Isaiab xxiv.*

2d Lesson, *St. Luke xxi. Ver 5.*

¶ These

¶ These two following Collects to be us'd instead of the first Collect for Morning Prayer.

GREAT and glorious Lord God, just and terrible in thy judgments, and unsearchable in all thy Ways; whose rebuke the Earth trembleth, the very Foundations of the Hills shake, and the sea is removed from its place; we, vile dust and miserable Sinners, in a most awful sense of thy amazing power, our own great and manifold provocations, and thy tender mercy to the penitent, do, with all humility of soul, cast ourselves down before thy footstool, bewailing our unworthiness, and imploring thy pity, and the bowels of thy compassion. We beseech thee, O Lord, to awaken our consciences yet farther, that we may see and duly consider thy hand, which, in the most astonishing manner, hath been lifted up so near us. Pardon those crying sins, which have produced these tokens of thy heavy displeasure, and grant us all such a measure of thy Grace, that we may no more dis-
Dey.

bey thy laws, abuse thy forbearance, or despise thy Chastisements, lest a worse thing come upon us. It is of thy goodness, O Lord, that we were not all consumed, -when thou didst arise to shake terribly the Earth, and that in the midst of judgment thou didst remember mercy. Let the deep sense of this work in us such a thankfulness of heart, and such a seriousness and watchfulness of spirit, that no calamity may surprize us, nor Death itself come upon us unawares, and that we may at length arrive at that blessed Kingdom, which cannot be shaken, for the Sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, *Amen.*

O Most merciful God, the supreme disposer of all events, and the refuge of all those who trust in thee, we, thy unworthy servants, do most humbly implore thy gracious Aid and Protection. Be thou to us, O Lord, in all times of danger and trouble, a sure guardian and never-failing deliverer. Go forth, we beseech thee, with our Fleets and Armies; let thy Almighty hand ever be over them, and the light of thy countenance shine upon them. Vouchsafe

safe also thy especial blessing to our most gracious Sovereign King GEORGE: Defend him from all secret Conspiracies, and open violence, direct his counsels, and prosper all His endeavours for the welfare of these Nations. And, O Lord, let neither our unhappy divisions, nor our other manifold sins and provocations, obstruct His designs for the publick good, nor bring down thy Judgments upon us: but spare thy People, O Lord, spare us; and by the grace of thy holy Spirit, so unite us in a firm and uniform course of obedience to thy will, and an hearty zeal for thy honour and service, that we may evermore rejoice in thy Salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

¶ The second Collect for Peace.

¶ The third Collect for Grace.

¶ Then followeth the Litany.

¶ In the End of the Litany, immediately after the Collect [*We humbly beseech thee, O Father, &c.*] these two are to be read.

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable

ble O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon Mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to Confusion. Hear Us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy Blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, who delightest not to grieve the children of men, yet, as a wise and gracious Father, dost challen every Son whom thou receivest; Behold with tender pity all those who have suffered by the late publick Calamity, in body, estate, friends, or relations: Give them patience and submission to thy holy will: Let them not murmur or repine, seeing it was thy doing, whose Judgments are always righteous, though they are a great deep. Be thou the Comforter of those who are cast down, O thou God of consolation; and

and make up their temporal losses by spiritual advantages, and by future blessings of this World, so far as thou seest necessary and convenient for them : And so sanctify to all of Us, both the Mercies and Judgments which thou sendest, that at length we may be made happy in that perfect state, which is not subject to time or chance ; where we shall sin no more, be no more disquieted, and die no more ; but enjoy that everlasting rest which thou hast promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ Then the Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, &c.



The COMMUNION Service.

¶ After the Prayer for the King [Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting,] shall be read the two Collects as in the Morning Prayer, Pag. 5 and 6.

¶ Great and glorious Lord God, &c.

¶ O most merciful God, &c.

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The Epistle, 2 Cor. viii. to ver. 16.

The Gospel, St. Luke xiii. to ver. 10.

¶ Then the Creed, I believe in one God, &c.

¶ Then shall follow the Sermon.

*Let us pray for the whole State of Christ's
Church Militant here on Earth.*

*Then this Prayer for all the Reformed
Churches.*

OGOD, the Father of Mercies, who of thy great Goodness hast admitted us into thy holy Church, the mystical body of Christ; we, as living Members thereof, mourning with them that mourn, and rejoicing with them that rejoice, do now present our Supplications and Prayers at the Throne of Grace, more especially in behalf of all our Reformed Brethren; beseeching thee to make them perfect, establish, strengthen them, that they may stand fast in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made them free; to preserve the tranquility of those who at present enjoy it; and to look down with an eye of pity upon those who are in distress or persecution on ac-

account of thy most holy Religion. Suffer not unreasonable and wicked Men still to triumph over thy heritage. Plead thy cause with them that blaspheme thy truth, and persecute thy people. Enlighten those who are in darkness and error, and give them repentance to the acknowledgement of the truth, that all the ends of the earth may remember themselves, and be turned to the Lord; and we may all become one Flock under the great Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls, Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour, and Redeemer. Amen.

¶ *The other Prayers as usual.*

So endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

The Order for Evening Prayer.

The Sentences as in the Morning.

To the Lord our God, &c.

Correct us, O Lord, &c.

¶ PSALMS, iii, xci, cxxi.

1 Lesson

1 Lesson, Jer. iv.

2d Lesson, 2 Pet. iii. to ver. 14.

¶ These two Collects to be used (as in the Morning, Pag. 5 and 6.) instead of the first Collect for the Evening Prayer, viz.

Great and Glorious Lord God, &c.

O most merciful God, &c.

¶ After the Collect [Lighten our Darkness]
Turn thou us, O good Lord, &c.

O Almighty God, who delightest not to grieve the Children of Men, &c. [as in Pag. 7 and 8.]

The Prayer for all the Reformed Churches,

O God the Father of Mercies; &c. Pag. 13.

¶ A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament.

¶ A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.

¶ The general Thanksgiving, &c. &c.

Here ends the Order of Evening Prayer

